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Mandatory Public Notice

Notice of Drinking Water TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANE Violation

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the CITY OF SAN BENITO TX0310007 that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes to be 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on locational running annual average (LRAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in quarter four 2015 of 0.081mg/L for DBP2-02.

Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidney, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are taking the following actions to address this issue:

The location of the affected area is at the block of 340 North Oscar Williams Road. We are currently using chloramines to disinfect the drinking water to correct the problem. We are also implementing a program to flush regularly the distribution lines at the affected area. This program will eliminate the possible stagnant water in the affected area. In addition, we will be monitoring the chloramines on a weekly basis, and furthermore, we will perform sampling for Total Trihalomethanes on a monthly basis to ensure the City of San Benito is in compliance with TCEQ Rules and Regulations.

The City of San Benito is in violation of the Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) due to a high level sample taken at 340 North Oscar Williams Road during the first quarter in March 18, 2015. The problem has been corrected but still puts the City of San Benito in violation of the (LRAA) due to that high level sample taken back in March 18, 2015. That high level sample may be due to possible stagnant water in the distribution system caused by low water consumption. Monitoring of chlorine residual and flushing at affected areas should prevent possible reoccurrence.

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact Mr. Adan Gonzalez and/or Mr. Mario Gonzalez at (956) 361-3844.

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